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Applicant: YING et al
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1. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (**5 separate documents containing 4 pages each for a total of 20 pages**)
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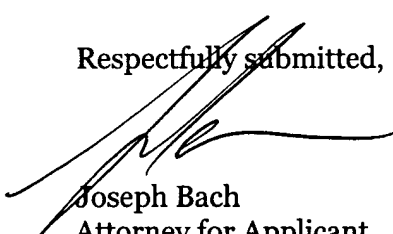
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It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of 11/16/2001. Please telephone Susana Antunes at (408)-986-3923 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

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